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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Town of Acushnet

Conservation Commission

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Robert Rocha, Chairman
Ted Cioper, Vice-Chair
Marc Brodeur
Everett Philla
Heidi Pelletier
Evelyn Bouley
Paul Valente

Merilee Kelly, Conservation Agent
Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk

MINUTES OF May 8, 2018 CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING

Present: Robert Rocha
Everett Philla
Ted Cioper
Heidi Pelletier
Paul Valente
Evelyn Bouley

Absent:
Marc Brodeur

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Merilee Kelly, Agent

I. Meeting called to Order at 6:00 P.M.

II. Minutes for approval:

April 24, 2018

April 24, 2018 - A motion was made by Everett Philla to approve the minutes of April 24. The motion was seconded by Heidi Pelletier. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Meeting Mail: (none)

IV. Appointments: (none)

End of Bartlett Street – Norm Nichols – Mr. Nichols discussed with Commission members a stream crossing project that he is filing with the City of New Bedford Conservation Commission for the end of Bartlett Street.

Norn Nichols explained the proposed project will be an over 55 subdivision. The subdivision will be comprised of 12 duplexes, a community building, and 2 shuffle board courts; the project will be on the New Bedford line as well as on the Acushnet town line. He also stated if any replication areas are to be done they will be done in New Bedford. Once the project is approved in New Bedford Mr. Nichols will file a Notice of Intent with Acushnet for the continuation of the road into Acushnet. Mr. Nichols stated he was going to use a concrete pipe but Commission member Mr. Brodeur was opposed to it; so box culverts will be used. Mr. Nichols said the building department was concerned about the brook on the property. Mr. Nichols stated it was not a perennial brook and handed out pictures of the brook to the Commission that were taken on 3 consecutive days. He said the pictures show the brook is intermittent.

Agent Kelly asked Mr. Nichols if he had any other plans that were more detailed. Mr. Nichols said he would bring her a completed set of plans. Mr. Nichols said when the public hearing is being heard that Agent Kelly will be notified for he added her to the abutters list. Agent Kelly stated the Town of Acushnet is looking into if they can allow this project to be built.

Agent Updates:

- A consultant from Woodard & Curran along with Agent Kelly drove around P.J. Keating and looked at records to inspect their stormwater system. Agent Kelly said P.J. Keating is very much on top of their stormwater system
- On Thursday, May 10, 2018 Agent Kelly will be attending an expo of services and products for municipalities. She is very interested and will be looking at GIS systems
- Agent Kelly inspected the property at 1476 N. Main Street which Couto Brothers had built. She commented the replication area that was put in next to the driveway and everything was in that area looked dead. She sent the Couto Brothers a letter in March regarding the replication area. Agent Kelly will follow-up on this property.
- Agent Kelly drove by the house with the steep driveway on N. Main Street; she stated the house is up but the silt fencing is falling down. She also stated none of the check dams are in that the Commission had requested. The driveway is still dirt. Agent Kelly will send out a letter to Ron Oliviera as that is the only contact she has for the property.
- There are still 2 lots open and 1 for sale on Blacksmith Drive off of Quaker Lane
- On Keene Road there are a lot of houses being built; these are all upland projects
- There is an overgrown retention basin on Wood Duck Road
- Agent Kelly sent a letter to a property owner on Beech Street who runs a car business as the property owner had friends clearing trees and put them through a chipper. They dumped the wood chips near the stream, which will eventually block the stream. Agent Kelly will continue to monitor the property and make sure they get it cleaned up.
- There is blood drive coming up on May 31st from 12-5pm
- Pollinator garden coming along, planning to add mulch shortly
- Paul Valente would like to set up a time to clean up grass clippings on Peach Blossom

VII. Future Business:

- The next meeting of the Conservation Commission will be on Tuesday , May 22, 2018

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 P.M.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ted Cioper. The motion was seconded by Everett Philla. Motion passes 6-0.

Respectfully submitted:

Christine Lagasse, Senior Clerk
Acushnet Conservation Commission

Minutes Approved:

Everett Bailey
Wesley Phillips
Roger Rogers CHAIR
Sam Phillips
Ron Phillips

Date: 5-22-18

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